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SUBJ: BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EXPANSION--GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
FOR RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION

1. BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION (MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT) HAS ANNOUNCED CALL FOR OFFERS TO DO GEOLOGICAL RECONNAISSANCE WORK OFFSHORE BY DRILING AND CORING IN PREPARATION CONSTRUCTION OF NW/SE RUNWAY WHICH WILL EXTEND PARTLY INTO SEA. SEABED SAMPLES TO BE COLLECTED AND TESTED TO DETERMINE CHARACTERISTIS AND BEST TYPE FILL. THOUGH MOORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER, PRELIMINARY SPECIFICATIONS CALL FOR TEN (10) BOREHOLES UNDER MAXIMUM OF SIXTEEN (16) METERS OF WATER WITH AVERAGE DEPTH OF EACH BOREHOLE FIFT Y (50) METERS.

2. FYI NEW RUNWAY TO BE 3700--4000 METERS LONG AND BEING BUILT TO MINIMIZE AIRCRAFT NOISE OVER BEIRUT AND TO PERMIT UNCOMPROMISED, WIDEBODIED NON-STOP OPERATION BEIRUT-N.Y. CONSTRUCTION MOST LIKELY TO START 2--3 YRS. BATIGNOLLES (FRENCH) PRESENTLY BUILDING NE/NW RUNWAY AND WILL PROBABLY BUILD NW/SE RUNWAY AS WELL.

3. INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD CONTACT BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION, KHALDE, LEBANON AND PROVIDE DESCRIPTION OF FIRM, CAPABILITES, AND SIMILAR WORK CARRIED OUT PREVIOUSLY. RESPONSES MAY BE SENT DIRECTLY TO COMMISSION OR THROUGH EMBASSY. U.S.
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